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## PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Eric H. Mansfield, et al.

Serial No: 10/800,346

Filed: 3/12/2004

Art Unit: 3634

Confirmation No.: 9910

For: MERCHANDISE DISPLAY SYSTEM

Docket: 1796031US2AP

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.47(a)-  
JOINT INVENTOR REFUSES TO SIGN DECLARATION

1. The owner of the invention, Alpha Security Products, Inc., hereby petitions under 37 CFR § 1.47(a) for the Commissioner to accept this application on behalf of the joint inventors.

2. Alpha Security Products, Inc. was the employer of Mr. Richard E. Corney when the invention that is the subject of the above-identified patent application was invented and when this application was filed. All inventions related to the scope of an employee's duties are owned by Alpha Security Products, Inc. as a condition of the employee's employment.

3. The last known address of the inventor is Mr. Richard E. Corney, 4894 Provens Road, Akron, OH 44319.

4. The undersigned attorney requested the signature from the inventor first on October 29, 2003, by forwarding the Application, Declaration, and Assignment

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documents to the inventor at the corporate offices of Alpha Security Products. The undersigned attorney did not receive a response and resent the documents May 3, 2004. The undersigned attorney did not receive a response and resent the documents on May 25, 2004, via Certified Mail return receipt postcard requested. The return receipt indicated the inventor received the documents on May 26, 2004, as indicated on the attached return receipt postcard. The undersigned attorney again did not receive a response and resent the documents a final time on June 2, 2004, via Certified Mail return receipt requested. The return receipt indicated the inventor received the documents on June 3, 2004, as indicated on the attached return receipt postcard. The undersigned attorney again did not receive a response. Alpha Security Products, Inc. indicates they do not have an updated address for Mr. Corney or knowledge of how to contact him. The inventor has not yet returned signed documents to the undersigned attorney. The undersigned attorney thus submits that Mr. Corney refuses to execute the application based on these facts.

5. Alpha Security Products submits that it owns 100% of the invention rights set forth in this application based on the inventor's employment with Alpha Security Products during the time the invention was made and when the application was filed.

6. The Declaration enclosed with this Petition, includes the signature of Eric H. Mansfield as a joint inventor along with the name and address of Richard E. Corney as a joint inventor. This Declaration thus functions as a Declaration signed by all available joint inventors on behalf of the nonsigning invention. MPEP 409.03(a)(A).

7. The petition fee set forth in 1.17(a) is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted at Canton, Ohio this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2004.

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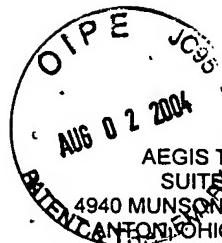
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October 29, 2003

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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
MERCANDISE DISPLAY HOOK  
Our File: 1796031US2AP  
Your Ref.: F-475 (Secure Hook)

Dear Tonya:

Please have the inventors review the enclosed patent application for the Secure Hook product with the lock that directly engages the rod of the hook. If the application is acceptable, please have them sign and date the enclosed Declaration and Power of Attorney along with the enclosed Assignment. Please return the original documents to us so that we may file the application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

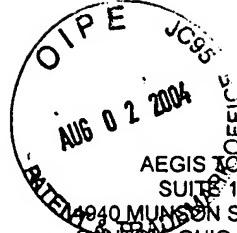
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May 3, 2004

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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
MERCANDISE DISPLAY HOOK  
Serial No.: 10/800,346  
Our File: 1796031US2AP (F-475 Secure Hook)

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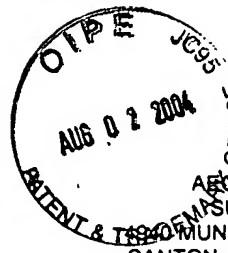
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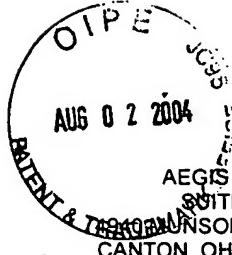
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